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SUBJ: US-USSR CONSULAR TALKS -- COURIER PROBLEMS AT CONGEN
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1. AS EMBASSY RECALLS, DEPUTY CHIEF MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION I.M. GOROKHOV PROMISED AT FOURTH SESSION OF SECOND ROUND US-USSR CONSULAR TALKS ON JUNE 9 TO REFER TO MINISTRY OF RAILWAY COMMUNICATIONS QUESTION OF POSSIBILITY FOR MAIL BAGS TAKEN FROM LENINGRAD TO HELSINKI ON THE NON-PROFESSIONAL COURIER RUN TO BE CARRIED IN THE BAGGAGE CAR. GOROKHOV ALSO RAISED PROBLEMS FACED BY SOVIET COURIERS AT SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORTS AND NEW YORK, AND HE HAD PROMISED A MEMORANDUM ON SUCH PROBLEMS AT THE THIRD SESSION OF THE TALKS.

2. CONGEN WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ENQUIRY TO CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION ABOUT PROGRESS ON QUESTION OF CONVEYANCE OF MAIL BAGS FROM LENINGRAD TO HELSINKI IN BAGGAGE CAR. CONGEN WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EMBASSY EFFORT OBTAIN SOME STATEMENT FROM FONMIN CONCERNING AIRPORT PROBLEMS FACED BY SOVIET COURIERS FOR WHATEVER LIGHT THEY MAY SHED ON POST'S PROBLEMS.

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3. AS OUTLINED IN EMBASSY NON-PAPER PRESENTED AT FIRST SESSION OF SECOND ROUND OF TALKS, LENINGRAD AIRPORT COURIER PROBLEM CONSISTS IN CUMBERSOME PROCEDURES WHEREBY OUTGOING POUCHES MUST BE TRANSFERRED TO SOVIET VEHICLE FOR CONVEYANCE TO PLANESIDE WHILE INCOMING POUCHES, FIRST LOADED ONTO SOVIET VEHICLE AT PLANESIDE,

MUST IN TURN BE TRANSFERRED TO CONSULATE TRUCK.
AS A RESULT OF THE TIME AND LABOR NEEDED FOR THESE
OPERATIONS, POST PERSONNEL USUALLY FIND THEMSELVES
IMPOSING HEAVILY ON WEST GERMAN AND FINNISH CONSULATE
EMPLOYEES WHO SHARE THE USE OF THE SOVIET VEHICLE FROM
AIRPORT TO PLANESIDE AND BACK.

4. CONGEN WOULD WELCOME DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON SAN
FRANCISCO AND NEW YORK AIRPORT COURIER PROBLEMS
MENTIONED PARA 3, REFTEL A.NEUBERT

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